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## BIG CONCERNS MAY BE FORCED TO COME THROUGH WITH BACK TAXES

*Illinois Tax Reform Association To Make Test Case of  
National Box Co.—If Court Decides Against Tax-  
Dodgers Then Bigger Concerns Will Get a  
Kick in Their Tax-Dodging Trousers.*

One and one-half billion dollars back taxes not paid by Illinois corporations are involved in a case placed by the state supreme court on its docket for February.

The Chicago man who started the suit is Maxwell Edgar, the attorney. He says that as the decision was put off by the court in December, it is probable the court will tell what it thinks, officially, next month. Edgar is secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Tax Reform Association, which is making the contest. The case picked by the corporations for making a test

is that of the National Box Co., the smallest. If the court decides against the taxdodgers and in favor of having the tax laws carried out exactly as they stand in the law books, Illinois corporations and owners of stocks and bonds will be forced to pay over one hundred million dollars of taxes each year, that they are not paying now.

The National Box Co. is a beef trust concern. It makes all the boxes and palls for Morris & Co. and Swift & Co. and a few outside business houses. In 1909, this company reported to the federal government, under the corporation tax law, that